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Ben-Elissar named envoy to US

LIAT COLLINS and agencies

LIKUD MK Elisha Ben-Elissar has been appointed Israel's ambassador to the US. Ben-Elissar, 64, will replace outgoing ambassador Itamar Rabinovich on September 1.

First elected to the Knesset in 1981, Ben-Elissar headed Israel's first delegation to Cairo in 1977 and was appointed first ambassador there in 1980.

The appointment is considered to be a way of making up for a series of disappointments Ben-Elissar suffered when he was left with no real function in the Knesset after failing to be elected Knesset Speaker or gaining a position on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, which he had been a candidate to chair. The next MK on the Likud list, who will replace Ben-Elissar, is Ruby Rivlin.

Ben-Elissar holds degrees in political science from the University of Paris and the University of Geneva.

A-G to ask Knesset to lift Pinhasi's immunity

EVELYN GORDON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair will ask the Knesset to lift Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi's immunity so he can stand trial for attempted fraud, falsifying corporate documents, conspiracy to commit a crime, and submitting a false declaration to the state comptroller, Ben-Yair told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

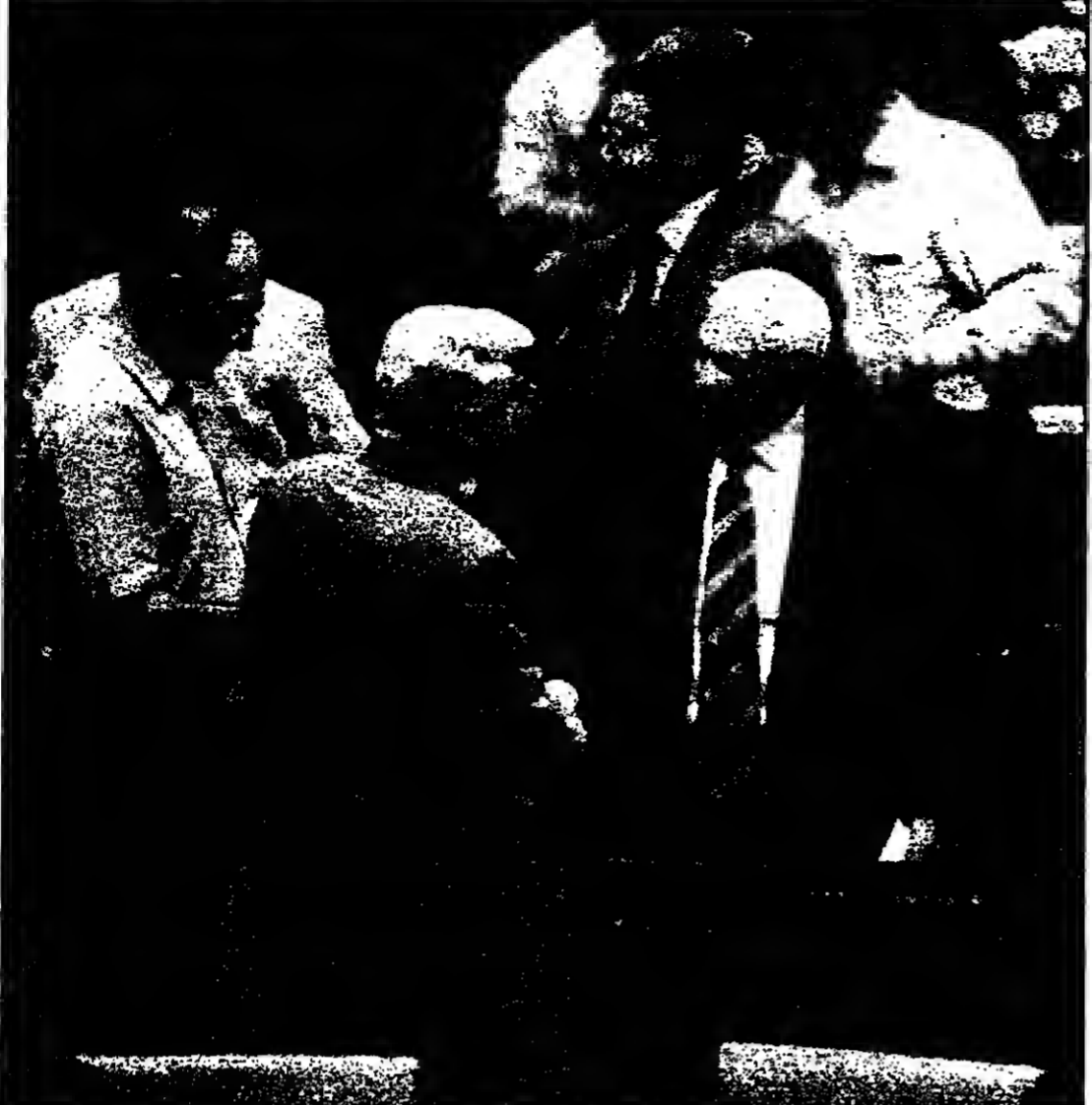
According to these charges from a draft indictment prepared in 1993, Pinhasi hired yeshiva students - who are not allowed to work, because they receive draft deferments - to work in Shas's 1988 election campaign. He then failed to report this to the tax authorities, and he also submitted a false set of books to State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat. However, he has never stood trial, because the last Knesset refused to lift his immunity.

Following the elections, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel asked Ben-Yair to resubmit his request that Pinhasi's immunity be lifted, in hopes that a new Knesset would do so. A week later - without waiting for an answer from Ben-Yair - the movement petitioned the High Court to force him to comply. Yesterday, Ben-Yair told the court that he had decided to do so.

A related petition was filed by Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, who asked the court to bar Pinhasi from serving as head of the Knesset House Committee. Sarid argued that a man whose own parliamentary immunity is in question should not chair the committee which handles all immunity requests.

However, Ben-Yair asked the court to defer hearing this petition until the House Committee finishes its deliberations on the subject. Pinhasi has been appointed temporary chairman, but the committee decided that its first order of business would be to hold a series of discussions, not chaired by Pinhasi, on the propriety of making him permanent chairman. In the meantime, Pinhasi has promised that if appointed, he would not chair any discussion on the lifting of any MK's immunity.

The court is to hear Sarid's petition today.



Foreign Minister David Levy congratulates Minister of National Infrastructure Ariel Sharon (right) on his appointment yesterday after the Knesset vote. To Levy's left (in shirtsleeves) is Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and behind Sharon is Gesher MK Maxim Levy, the minister's brother. (Brian Heston)

Sharon sworn in as infrastructure minister

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset last night voted 58-33 in favor of bringing Ariel Sharon into the government as national infrastructure minister, despite an effort by Meretz to delay the move by a week by submitting a no-confidence motion on the subject. There was one abstention.

No-confidence motions have in the past delayed a vote by one week, but at a meeting of the House Committee, which convened especially to discuss the procedure, coalition faction chairman Michael Elitzan discovered a loophole resulting from the fact that the House Rules have not been adapted to suit the Basic Law: The Government.

Under the new law, no-confidence motions are filed against the prime minister, not the government, and therefore the previous rules delaying the vote are inapplicable. Instead the motion was turned into a vote of confidence in the government, which is heard the same day.

Sharon was sworn in, and the coalition crisis which has dogged the premier was brought to an end with a round of hand-shaking as the last minister took his new seat on the cabinet's benches. Netanyahu had boarded the plane for Washington before the vote.

Netanyahu presented the request for the National Infrastructure

Ministry shortly before his flight to the US in response to an ultimatum by Foreign Minister David Levy. The ministry's jurisdiction will include the Israel Lands Administration, parts of the water administration, railways and ports, national sewage project, responsibility for negotiations with neighboring states and the Palestinian Authority on water, and the Public Works Department.

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush said the decision to move the responsibility for the PWD to the new portfolio was taken against his wishes.

Levy praised Sharon's joining as "a happy event" and a "victory for justice." Sharon thanked "one man in the government" (Levy) for standing by him.

Netanyahu used the opportunity of the plenum session to promote his trip to Washington and discuss the planned economic cuts. At the last moment, he remembered the subject of the discussion and praised Sharon, saying he would make an important contribution not only in the fields under the new ministry's jurisdiction, but also on security issues.

He said the economic program was a one-off decision to put the

economy back on the right track. He said without the program, however painful, the nation would have suffered from high inflation, which would have hit the weaker sectors in particular. This was greeted by a round of heckling from the opposition.

Netanyahu repeated his stand in favor of market liberalization and privatization. He said the economic reform would help attract foreign investors, and he would be able to encourage this during his trip.

"I intend to use this visit not just to build good relations of confidence and cooperation between the US administration and the new government, but also to build economic and business cooperation between the US and Israel," Netanyahu said.

He also said he would discuss "our continued joint search for peace with security."

Two deputy ministers were also appointed yesterday: Moshe Peled (Isomer) in the Education Ministry, and Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party) in the Prime Minister's Office, with responsibility for religious affairs. Bibi's appointment is considered a temporary one until the dispute between the NRP and Shas is resolved over which party will hold the Religious Affairs portfolio first.

Rachmilevich faces investigation for turning down cancer patient

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday decided to appoint a legal committee to investigate senior Hadassah-University Hospital hematologist Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich, after a two-man investigative team found he had refused to treat a 19-year-old cancer patient.

The team, Dr. Yossi Bar-El of Meir Hospital and Dr. Danny Geva of Kaplan Hospital, concluded that the complaint by non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patient Dassy Rabinowitz was "correct in all its details," and that Rachmilevich, the long-time head of the hematology department at the Eio Kerem hospital, refused to give her a transfusion in May, as did his subordinates on his instructions.

The team said the hematologist's "behavior and statements raise ethical questions," and that the procedures for transferring the patient to Rambam Hospital were faulty. The 24-hour delay in her getting a transfusion of thrombocytes was "unnecessary and could have been prevented."

The team concluded that Rabinowitz's condition had not been a "medical emergency," but that she had been in "serious danger" that required Hadassah staff to examine and to treat her. It appeared, they said, that the hematologist's behavior "violated ethical rules and may have been

behavior unbefitting a physician and carelessness."

Rachmilevich, whom Hanegbi telephoned an hour before his press conference, declined to comment. Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) management said that when it receives the full report, it will study the conclusions and "act in accordance with the law, regulations and committee recommendations. Hadassah will be happy to cooperate with every medical institution that treats Ms. Rabinowitz in the future... and will treat her, if asked, in accordance with medical and ethical principles."

In May, the Rabinowitz family, who live in Efrat, complained to the *Ma'ariv* daily that Rachmilevich had refused to let his staff treat her despite her very low thrombocyte (clotting cell) count.

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Clinton to seek specifics from Netanyahu

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration and Congress are open to hearing what Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has to say about the course of the peace process when he makes his inaugural visit to Washington today, but are seeking more specifics than he has offered to date.

Netanyahu was scheduled to arrive here after midnight. This morning, he has a two-hour meeting with President Bill Clinton, followed by a joint press conference in the White House.

He is also scheduled to meet separately with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Defense Secretary William Perry, and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Netanyahu will also meet today with the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, which was occasionally on the outs with the Labor government because it questioned the placing of US troops on the Golan Heights to monitor a peace deal.

"Are we ideologically on the same wave length [as the Netanyahu government]?" JINSA director Tom Neumann said yesterday. "Yes. Does that make a difference? Yes."

Clinton will not press Netanyahu for a commitment to redeploy IDF troops from Hebron by a certain date, a US official said yesterday, but does want to hear his thinking, because "We just don't know."

The two will also discuss global terrorism, particularly containing the Iranian threat, but the official said he does not know how Clinton would respond should Netanyahu seek support

for efforts to isolate Syria.

"We are going to want to hear the prime minister's thoughts on the regional situation. Obviously, on Syria, we have serious concerns as well. That's not new," he said. "We hope to have a far-reaching conversation with him as far as the peace process and terrorism, [but] none of us is presenting this as the definitive meeting. It's the first meeting."

On Capitol Hill, where Netanyahu is to spend much of tomorrow, legislators will be "very much in a listening mode," and he will not "get any lectures of any kind" on his approach to the peace process, a Senate source said.

"They take what he's said about wanting to continue the peace process at face value, but they need specifics. For him to say he wants to move forward, that's good, that's encouraging... People want to be supportive, they want to help him move ahead, if that's what he wants."

In light of the freeze in Syrian-Israeli talks and Damascus's reported knowledge of the passage through its territory of an accomplice to the Dhahran bombing two weeks ago, Netanyahu's position toward Syria will not be challenged on Capitol Hill, the source said.

"I don't think even strong supporters of the process are shedding any tears that the Syrians seem to be shut out now. But I do think there will be a lot of questions on how he sees that track unfolding, especially with regard

to Lebanon."

In an interview Sunday night on *60 Minutes*, Netanyahu said Israel's position on the Golan Heights could change if Syria were a democracy, instead of a totalitarian regime.

He also stated that he opposes a Palestinian state, because once it attains sovereignty, Israel would be hard-pressed to keep it demilitarized or from admitting millions of people.

"I think by wide consensus here, our being on the Golan does not assure peace, a formal peace, but it prevents actual war," Netanyahu said. "If the regime in Damascus were to democratize and we suddenly have democrats in Syria, then all the stipulations about the importance of security in assuring peace would be very different... I didn't say and I don't wish for Mr. [Hafez] Assad's removal, I wish him a long life. In fact, I look forward to negotiating with him."

"But I'm saying that the kind of peace that we can have in our particular neighborhood, which is still peopled by dictatorships - some of them the most unreconstructed and cruel dictatorships in the world, like Saddam Hussein's or [Muammar] Gaddafi's or the dictatorship that exists in Syria as well - is very different from the peace that we would have if we had Benelux or Belgium right next door."

"Obviously if we had democracies around us, I would not insist on security. And then would I reconsider? Well, when that happens, ask me. Don't hold your breath."

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Three more no-confidence motions over budget cuts

LIAT COLLINS

LABOR. Meretz and the Democratic Arab Party have filed no-confidence motions over the government's proposed budget cuts. Hadash filed a similar motion on Sunday. [Binyamin] Netanyahu's government has betrayed the trust placed in it by imposing cruel economic edicts, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said. The coalition faction heads issued a statement saying: "The coalition supported the government in its plan to cut the national budget as a vital necessity as a result of the fiscal deviations of the previous government. The coalition will hold meetings with the finance minister concerning the program's details and implementation." Lahor dedicated its faction meeting to the issue. "The government has declared war on the weak. These miserable decisions were taken in a panic and without first learning the subject," faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen said. He particularly condemned the planned repeal of the Demobilized Soldiers Law, which he noted had been supported by many members of the current government, including Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, and Minister of National Infrastructure Ariel Sharon.

Like many Labor MKs, he said if the government had to order cuts, it should have started with grants to employers, which total more than NIS 8 billion a year. Yossi Beilin suggested raising child benefits, but making them taxable; postponing by at least one year any wage hikes for MKs, and abolishing religious councils. "There would be a huge saving in this, and religious people need the religious councils for their own policies, not for religious services," Beilin said. Avraham Shohat said the cabinet meeting at which the decisions were made "combined the theater of the absurd with puppet theater." He said the ministers could not have known what they were agreeing to, as the three-hour meeting did not give them long enough to study the report. Shohat expressed surprise that ministers from Yisrael Ba'alya had agreed to the program. He also said the Labor government had left behind a healthier economy than the one it had inherited from the Likud in 1992. Party secretary-general Nissim Zvili said the policy could lead to a recession. Moshe Shahal said the new government had agreed to all the Finance Ministry proposals that previous governments had rejected.

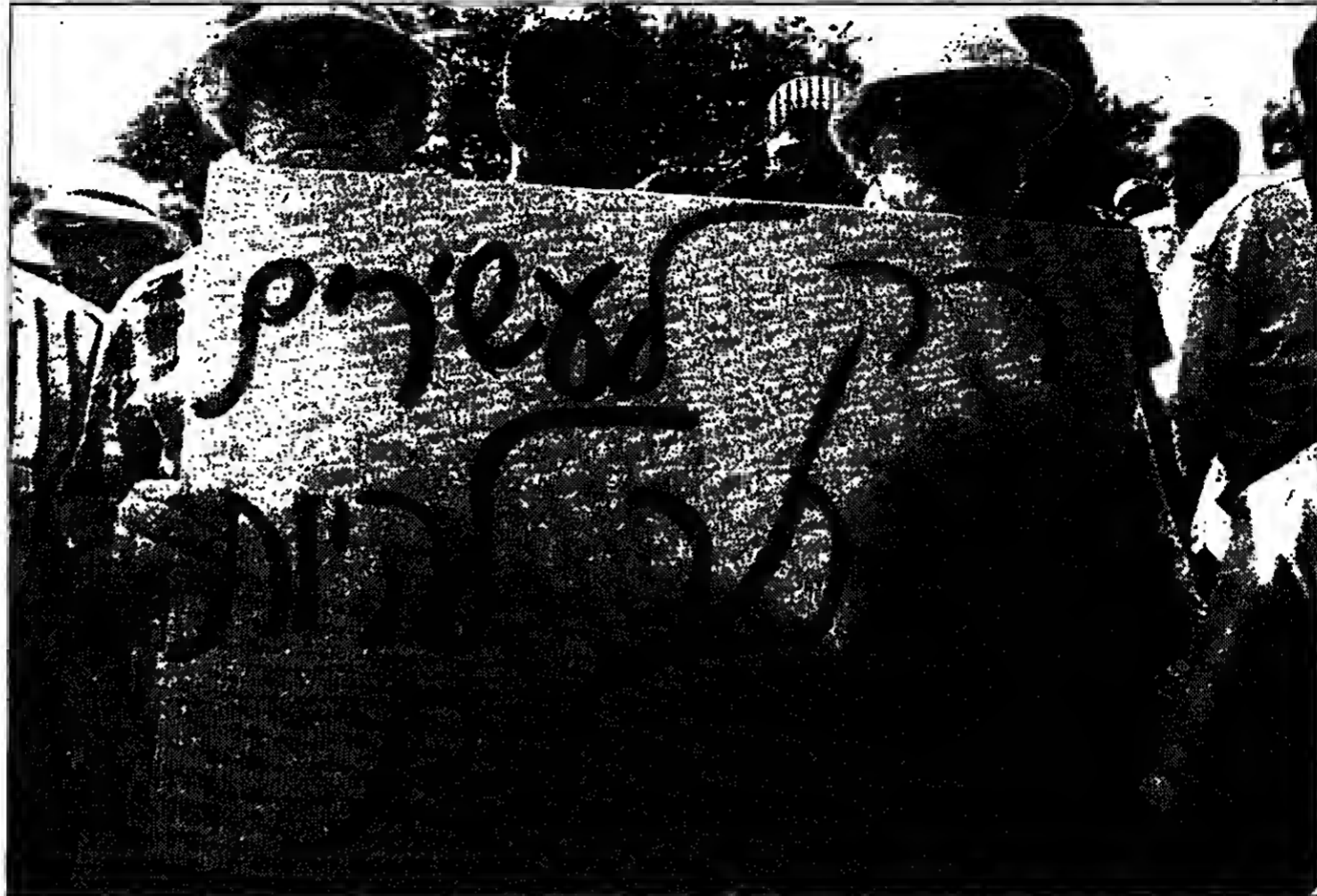
Hammer: School day won't be shortened

LIAT COLLINS and YOCHI DREAZEN

EDUCATION Minister Ze'evulun Hammer told the first meeting of the Knesset Education Committee yesterday that, although he is not happy with the budget cuts, the school day will not be shortened, classrooms will not be more crowded, and special education programs will not be harmed. The committee, which unanimously voted MK Emanuel Zissman (Third Way) its chairman, heard that the cuts would affect the building of classrooms and sports facilities; reduce the number of school buses in the center of the country; reduce the number of adults accompanying handicapped children on outings and on buses to school; cut training programs for teachers; and reduce the number of classrooms that will get air conditioning. But, Hammer said, "We won't agree to children coming home from school any earlier." He also promised that the program "Tomorrow 98," emphasizing technology and science education, and the Shenhar Report program to increase Jewish education will not be harmed. "We will stick by the plan to make the Israeli student more scientific but more social and more Jewish or Arab, as the case may be, and more humane. I don't see any contradiction between the two," Hammer said.

Zissman added that while no hours were being cut to the upcoming year, approximately 69,000 hours would be cut in the 1997-1998 school year, for estimated savings of NIS 92 million. The Education Ministry is one of those hardest hit by the proposed cuts, and faces the loss of over NIS 400 million from its budget. Additional proposed cuts include: delaying the implementation of a longer school day by three years until the year 2000; forcing parents to pay a yearly charge for their children's health services while in school (which was previously paid by the government); delaying construction of 150 new classrooms; and cutting almost NIS 69 million in extracurricular activities. The proposed cuts in the building of new classrooms came under intense fire by many who feared that it would mean increasing the number of students in each classroom above current levels, which the previous Knesset Education Committee had recommended cutting.

"These cuts will drastically diminish the quality of education in the country," said Avraham Ben-Shabat, secretary-general of the Histadrut Teachers' Union. "We are against anything that hurts students or teachers, and will fight the cuts by all means available to us." Former education minister Amnon Rubinstein described the proposed loss of new classrooms as "inconceivable." "It can't be that they are seriously considering raising the number of students in a classroom, which are already among the highest in the world," he said on Sunday. The proposal to force parents to pay for their children's health services also came under attack yesterday, with Shai Lachman, head of the National Parent's Association, saying that his group was considering a strike to delay the beginning of the upcoming school year. "We will never agree to turning back the wheel on this issue," Lachman said, adding that the previous Knesset Education Committee had decided that parents would not have to pay the charge. "We're fearful that all the improvements of the last four years will soon disappear," he said. "But we will fight hard to ensure that doesn't happen."



The elderly and residents of development towns protest yesterday outside the Knesset against the government's economic plan. "Only the rich can get sick," reads the sign. (Reim Hershler)

Experts blast cuts of benefits to elderly

YOCHI DREAZEN

THE proposed elimination of NIS 161 million of the NIS 175 million used to give government subsidies to the elderly came under fierce attack yesterday. The money had been used to give the elderly discounts on such things as public transportation and municipal property taxes. "It's absolutely Machiavellian the way the government has decided to go after one of the largest, but least organized segments of the population: the elderly," said Hebrew University Prof. Eliezer Jaffe, an expert on the problems facing the elderly and other low-income groups. "The elderly poor, who don't have pensions or assets, are really in a bind." Dr. Jenny Brodsky, director of the Brookdale Institute's research program on aging, explained that the elderly had received the discounts after the passage of the 1992 Veteran Citizenship Law, which the new government now seeks to repeal.

"The Knesset originally passed the law in 1989, with the intention of helping the elderly, but it was mostly theoretical and contained very few practical suggestions," she said, adding that following the 1992 elections, a committee was set up under labor and social affairs minister Ora Namir to recommend specific ways to help the elderly. "They recommended giving the elderly discounts on things that receive government money, because they felt that would give the government leverage to ask for the discounts," she said. Brodsky explained that the discounts ranged from 50 percent off the cost of public transportation, to reduced prices for medicine, phone bills and municipal property taxes, all of which added up to NIS 175 million a year. That allowance has now been cut to NIS 14 million, which only covers public transportation and medicine.

Jerusalem PA officials reject police summons for questioning

BILL HUTMAN

IN a move that has infuriated the Palestinian Authority, Jerusalem police yesterday summoned a number of PA officials to the Russian Compound police station today, to warn them against violating the ban on PA activity in Jerusalem. The PA officials have all apparently refused to appear. They include at least the seven members of the PA legislative council from Jerusalem. The police spokesman declined to say who was summoned. "We have been elected to a council set up under an agreement between Israel and the PLO, and the Israel Police has no right to summon us, and try to intimidate us," Ziyad Abu Ziyad, a council member and one of those summoned, said. He described the move as his first personal experience with the new government's policy in eastern Jerusalem, saying, "If this is the spirit of the new Israeli government, then things look very bad. If the Israeli authorities have a message for us, they surely know the proper channel is through the

liaison office," Ziyad said. The other Palestinian councilors summoned were Ahmed Zayer, Khatem Eid, Amir Jarjouri, Ahmed Qreia, Hannan Astrawi, and Ahmed El Bateh. Palestinian officials were particularly upset with the manner in which they were summoned, with police clearly knowing in advance no PA official would show up at the police station. Police sources confirmed they realized the Palestinians would likely not come, but believed the summons itself would serve as a warning to them not to violate the prohibition on PA activity in the city. The PA officials were each given a separate time to report to the Minorities Division, the Jerusalem police department that deals with security matters in Arab sectors of the city. In several cases, the division head, Eli Mizrahi, personally called the officials. "We know the limits [of our activity] in Jerusalem, and respect them," Ziyad said. "It seems that it is only Israel that does not understand what its limits are."

Pensioners, development town workers stage Knesset protest

MICHAL YUDELMAN

AN estimated 1,000 pensioners and workers from development towns yesterday demonstrated outside the Knesset against the government's economic decrees, which will hurt mainly senior citizens and middle- to lower-income earners. The demonstration was organized by the Histadrut and the labor council secretaries, and included Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz, Labor MKs Rafi Elul and Ra'anan Cohen, and other members of the social caucus in the Knesset. "This is a bad government, an evil one which strengthens the rich and hurts the poor and the weak," Histadrut Executive member Pinni Kahalo said at the demonstration. "But we won't let it." Gideon Ben-Yisrael, who is leading the struggle of the pensioners, said the demonstra-

tion was the opening shot of a battle against the economic decrees and blows inflicted by the government. "We'll hold protest strikes, we'll go from town to town and from village to village, mobilizing pensioners. We'll bring thousands of pensioners to demonstrate for the cause, as we have in the past," he said. Former foreign minister MK Ehud Barak laid into the economic decrees earlier yesterday, calling the budget slash "amateurish. There is nothing to boast in the speed in which it was carried out. The health minister doesn't know his ministry's budget or understand what is going on in his ministry, and neither has the

labor minister studied his ministry's budget yet. Even the prime minister, who may have studied economics at university 25 years ago, is not familiar with the state budget yet." "This is a policy of haste, out of judgment. If it's taking Netanyahu so much time to learn the Hebrew issue, couldn't he find time to study the state budget?" Barak said on an interview with Army Radio. Commenting on the cut in the IDF, Barak said the worsening of the pension and retirement terms of career soldiers is a violation of signed wage agreements and commitments dating back more than 20 years, on the basis of which soldiers invested their life's work. Changing their retirement terms and pension age now is a breach of trust and "will exact a dear electoral price."

Ministries seeking alternative ways to cut health budget

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health and Finance ministries will work jointly over the next month to prepare an alternative plan to reduce the health budget by NIS 500 million, so that those who can least afford it will not be harmed. Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday. He said that the government's plan to

charge all patients NIS 10 per doctor's visit in community health clinics and NIS 20 for a hospital outpatient visit is "completely unsatisfactory and regressive." Since he earns NIS 8,000 a month and has three young children, Hanegbi said he wouldn't

think twice about spending NIS 90 or so monthly for health care (in addition to health taxes deducted at source). But he said he knows there are many people for whom this is a major expense. Ministry officials will look into other

ways of raising money for the deficit-ridden national health insurance system, he said, including "other types of taxes." Hanegbi said he does not think the whole system should be junked, "but I have a feeling that the law must be amended. I have to learn the subject to depth" before making decisions.

Poll: Palestinian views on peace process unchanged

JON IMMANUEL

THE first Palestinian poll since the election of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu indicates there has been little change in Palestinian attitudes toward the peace process. Support for continuing the process increased from 78% in a March poll by the Nablus-based Center for Palestinian Research and Studies to 81% to its latest poll on June 28-30. A December CPRS poll showed 40% thought a Palestinian state would be established within five years, while this poll indicated 44% felt an "acceptable solution"

would be reached on Jerusalem, refugees, borders and settlements. The change of government has also little affected attitudes toward cancellation of the PLO Covenant as a condition for continuing the peace process. The amendment was supported by 48% in June compared with 50% in a CPRS October poll. While 70% put themselves in the peace camp, only 12% said they support groups opposed to the peace process, while 19% had no opinion. This indicates movement

away from opposition groups by people who have not yet moved over to the pro-Oslo groups. Support for Hamas was under 8% and for Islamic Jihad under 2%. Just how reliable the poll is may be questioned as only 81% agreed with the statement that "I have given truthful answers to all the questions." The pollsters put the margin of error among the 1,383 interviewees at 5%, compared with the usual 3%. Positive responses were about 5%-8% higher in Gaza than in the West Bank, except in the last question to which they were slightly lower.

Kiryat Shmona demands government keeps predecessor's promises

DAVID RUDGE

THE Kiryat Shmona town council is pressing the government to fulfill promises made by the previous government to confrontation-line communities, and the town in particular, after Operation Grapes of Wrath. "This time we don't intend to wait for another Katyusha rocket to fall or another Grapes of Wrath to receive what we have been promised," Acting Mayor Herzl Ben-Asher declared yesterday. "Enough time has passed since the elections and our problems have not been mentioned. On the contrary the government is talking about cutbacks and we are afraid our problems will be forgotten once again. We won't let that happen," said Ben-Asher. He spoke after the town council Sunday

night decided unanimously to call on the government to fully implement all the benefits and incentives promised the town and its residents to compensate them for the security situation. Ben-Asher noted that these included raising the level of income tax exemptions from 10 to 20 percent for residents of Kiryat Shmona. "Residents were also promised that they would receive a 50 percent reduction in municipal tax payments," he said. "There is also the matter of promised grants to encourage industrial development, and grants for people constructing bomb shelters for their own homes because there is not enough room in public bomb shelters to house all residents."

"On the education issue, we were told we would receive more teaching hours, instead of which they are being cut, while we are still waiting for air conditioners that were promised for all schools." In the meantime, the municipality, which has a deficit of over NIS 20 million, is struggling to find money to pay the salaries of employees. "We are calling on the government to immediately implement all the decisions and promises that were made by the previous government in all fields," said Ben-Asher. "We intend to meet with the finance minister on Thursday, but if nothing is forthcoming we will take concerted action to press the government to honor the obligations and promises," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MKs' attendance may be published
KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon is considering publishing MKs' attendance records. "It's not unlikely that we will publish who was present at committee meetings to encourage greater participation," Tichon told the House Committee yesterday. He also said the meetings will be opened to greater media coverage. *Liav Collins*

Road safety program endangered
Lack of funding is keeping the country's most successful road safety program, the electronic monitoring system being tested in Netanya, on hold for a third day today. The project's coordinators are waiting for the Transport Ministry to transfer sufficient funds to the municipality for the project to continue, but bureaucracy is preventing this move. Project coordinator Jerry Ben-David is worried that if funding does not come soon the project will simply fold. "Once you've stopped something it's hard to get it started again," he said. He suggested the government look into handing the project over to a private organization to ensure efficient management and to prevent unnecessary bureaucracy. *Keren Markuze*

New Telecard depicts Olympics
Bezeq's new Telecard depicting the Atlanta Olympic Games goes on sale tomorrow. Produced in cooperation with the Israel Olympics Committee, it is "meant to wish Israeli sportsmen and women luck" in the games. The phone card, produced in 100,000 copies, contains 50 phone units. *Judy Siegel*

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gent girl," Bar-El and Geva criticized Dassy Rabinowitz for "trying to incite patients she met during hospitalization to complain against Prof. Rachmilevich. This weakens the relations and trust between [him] and patients he treats." Bar-El and Geva noted that Rachmilevich, whom they cited as "one of the most senior hematologists in the country, replete with accomplishments in medicine," had diagnosed Rabinowitz's disease and treated her for 18 months. Doctor and patient "fully cooperated without any conflicts, but two months ago, their paths parted and they entered a collision path." When Hadassah doctors said there was little more they could do for her, rabbis advised that she

be transferred to another hospital. She was admitted to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where the hematology department is headed by Prof. Jacob Rao, a US-born, internationally respected expert said by the team to have "a different approach to treatment - medically as well as organizationally - and a divergent world view." There was "tension" and "poor communication" between Rachmilevich and Rao, the report stated. Returning home from Haifa, she needed an urgent transfusion, but family and friends said Rachmilevich told him that having left Hadassah, she should go to Rambam for help. Rachmilevich later told the

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investigators that he had merely been unwilling to give her a transfusion without receiving full medical information from Rambam on her treatment in the interim. In the end, she was given a transfusion at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital a full day after failing to get Hadassah's help.

Hanegbi told reporters that he "fully accepts" the team's recommendations.

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Kahalani: Not enough police on roads Arad Festival's fate due today

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE must play an integral part in cracking down on traffic offenders, but other bodies should be involved in the war against fatalities on our roads, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

"While the number of traffic police is sufficient, the number of police patrolling the roads and highways is definitely insufficient," said Kahalani, who was touring the National Traffic Police headquarters in Ramle.

The minister was shown hi-tech equipment used to catch speeding drivers and those who fail to keep a distance. Ministry regulations will be changed to enable police to be out on the roads more often, Kahalani said.

"Although the police play a major role in reducing the number of accidents and offenders, other bodies must take responsibility too. We must ask ourselves if the Public Works Division is doing enough, if the Transport Ministry intends to change policies, and whether the courts will expedite legal proceedings against offenders," he said.

He added that sufficient funds should be provided to educate drivers, and that all bodies should unite and coordinate ideas to solve the problem of accidents and reckless driving.

Traffic police will receive instructions to stop and examine drivers' credentials and will be



A truck driver stopped by police on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway explains his case to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (right) and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz yesterday.

encouraged to hand out more reports and suspend licenses. Traffic police also plan to stop and check truck drivers more frequently, and the Transport Ministry's Licoosig Department will be forced to ensure that such drivers undergo necessary tests before receiving truck licenses. Drivers' behavior on the roads must also change dramatically to reduce accidents, Kahalani said, and police will play a major part in helping such changes.

TEL Aviv District Court Judge Efraim Shalev has postponed to this afternoon his decision on granting an injunction against the holding of the Arad Festival, scheduled for August 6-8.

The petition came from the parents of the three teenagers killed at last year's festival: Eitan Peled, 17, Chen Yizhak, 16, and Na'ama Elkaviv, 15.

The children were trampled to death during the panic that ensued when a guard rail collapsed during the Mashina farewell concert, which had been heavily oversold.

The parents, some of whom were present at the hearing, charged that the basic conditions which led to last year's disaster are unchanged and that holding the festival would be life-threatening.

Eitan's father, Michael Peled, said he was astounded to hear festival producer Nahum Langsam say the police, Magen David Adom, and the Fire Department had not yet issued the necessary permits. The Arad Festival office said that they were peddling and were expected to be in place when the festival opens.

No event can take place, the judge insisted, unless there is written authorization from the police.

"And if they don't get it," asked Peled. "Will they cancel? A few days before the festival?"

The parents also requested the court order Arad Mayor Bezalet Tabib distance himself from any decision making by the Festival Association. They opposed a compromise suggestion whereby Tabib would nominate a deputy. Although Tabib no longer heads the association, as he did last year, he must authorize association requests.

A commotion broke out during a break in the proceedings, when Meir Rosen, a Holocaust survivor who now lives in Arad, shrieked at Peled: "The Nazis didn't manage to burn me then and no one is going to destroy me now."

"Someone wrote a letter to the newspapers in my name saying that Arad would be destroyed by fire and I'm stone if the festival were allowed," Peled explained. "I suppose that's why he screamed at me."

Peled said that he didn't reply, but another of the parents engaged in a shouting match with Rosen.

Itim reported there were heated exchanges between the parents and the festival organizers that spilled into the courthouse corridors and lobby after the hearing was over.

HELEN KAYE and Itim

Meretz, haredim plan demos on Rehov Bar-Ilan

BILL HUTMAN and EVELYN GORDON

MERETZ is again planning to demonstrate on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan, after attempts by President Ezer Weizman to mediate a compromise between the party and haredi leaders failed.

In the meantime, haredim are planning a major demonstration this Shabbat in which thousands will march from Kikar Shabbat to Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Haredi activist Yehuda Meshi-Zahav said the Eida Haredit decided to protest "the authorities' continuing refusal to grant the residents' request to close the street on Shabbat."

He said that the haredim decided on the demonstration because after more than two years in which Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert failed to keep what the haredim saw as a pre-election promise to close the street, they do not want to risk a repeat now that a new national government has been elected.

"This doesn't require any grace period," Meshi-Zahav said.

He added that the haredim have not asked the police for a license to demonstrate as is their general policy when demonstrating on Shabbat.

Oman Yekutieli, head of the Meretz faction on Jerusalem's City Council, said the party has requested a police permit to demonstrate on Rehov Bar-Ilan on the following Saturday, July 19.

Runners the Meretz protest was to be held last Shabbat sparked rioting by thousands of haredim, in which

16 persons were detained. Meretz, however, agreed to postpone the demonstration at Weizman's request. But the president has given up his mediating effort, after he was unable to broker a compromise.

Yesterday, he only raised the issue briefly with Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy. Levy expressed support for Weizman's proposal that Rehov Bar-Ilan be closed during prayer times on Shabbat, but he has not taken a firm stand on the matter, a ministry spokesman said. The spokesman said Levy, of the National Religious Party, is still studying the issue.

Ministry sources, however, said the only thing holding Levy back from ordering the street closed during prayer times is opposition from several ministry officials, most prominently National Transport Supervisor Alex Langer.

Levy is concerned with the legal implications of his overruling Langer, who has publicly stated that Rehov Bar-Ilan is a major thoroughfare and must be kept open seven days a week.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the police is considering Meretz's permit request, and will meet with Meretz leaders in coming days.

Meretz has asked that some 300 supporters be allowed to march up Rehov Bar-Ilan, and then hold a rally of some 600 protesters at the intersection of Bar-Ilan and Rehov Shmuel Hazavi.

Anatomy of a Shabbat Shalom compromise

BACKGROUND BILL HUTMAN

ELAZAR Sturm, the man behind the compromise for the Rehov Bar-Ilan controversy, is confident that his idea will win out.

"We studied all the different possibilities, met with dozens of experts and representatives, and closing the road during prayer time was the only solution that seemed to work," he said in an interview yesterday.

Sturm, director-general of Shorashim - Judaism, Culture and Science, headed the committee set up by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in December 1994, that came up with recommendations for how to settle the controversy over Shabbat road closings in Jerusalem.

The report recommended that Rehov Bar-Ilan be closed during prayer times on Shabbat. It called for closing the north Jerusalem street for 90 minutes at the start

of Shabbat, Shabbat morning from 7:30 to 11:30, and 105 minutes before the close of Shabbat. Traffic would be permitted at all other times.

Sturm said he came up with the plan after analyzing a Transport Ministry report on Rehov Bar-Ilan traffic. "The entire area [of Bar-Ilan] is 100 percent haredi, so it meets the basic criteria for being closed on Shabbat," Sturm said. "The issue is that the Transport Ministry has categorized the road as a 'major artery,' putting it together with other roads that don't just serve the local population," and which therefore must remain open seven days a week, Sturm said.

The Transport Ministry report showed that 15,000 vehicles used the road daily during the week, but on Shabbat the number dropped to 3,400. During "prayer times," the traffic is even lighter.

For Sturm, this was justification for partially closing Bar-Ilan on Shabbat. "At the start of Shabbat, there's barely a single car on Bar-Ilan. The same for Shabbat morning. The only problem is in the afternoon," Sturm said. That, he said, would be the compromise.

Haredim could live with the traffic during hours when they were normally at home. Haredi leaders have expressed support for Sturm's idea. Meretz, which is leading the

Expert: Raising traffic fines will not solve enforcement problem

KEREN MARKUZE

FINES for traffic violations will be increased significantly, if a proposal approved at yesterday's cabinet meeting passes the Knesset. But Hebrew University road safety researcher Eliahu Richter is unsure the move will have the desired effect.

The suggested change would see speeding fines reach as high as NIS 3,000, failure to stop at a stop sign would be punishable by up to NIS 2,000, and the fine for failure to yield the right of way would also be significantly increased.

According to Richter, however, the increased fines would only be successful in targeting high-risk categories, such as those who habitually break travel at speeds significantly above the limit.

Richter believes the enforcement policy should be directed toward the larger population, whose minor infractions often go undetected.

To do this, he suggests increased use of electronic monitoring, a method currently being used only in Netanya. These devices would increase the number of people caught speeding, including those only driving slightly above the limit.

"Most deaths and injuries come from the majority going slightly above the speed limit. We should increase the likelihood of detection, not the severity of the punishment. This will get us better results," he said.

MKs to redouble efforts in war on traffic mishaps

EVELYN GORDON

SOME NIS 20 million the Road Safety Fund has never made use of should be applied to hiring extra traffic policemen, Economics Committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) suggested yesterday at the committee's maiden session, which was devoted to road accidents.

Goldschmidt also announced that the committee would continue work on a comprehensive road safety bill submitted by 91 MKs last Knesset, which never passed because of government opposition. One of the bill's main provisions is to set up one agency whose job is the prevention of traffic accidents. At present, responsibility for this task is scattered among several different agencies.

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who, together with Ran Cohen (Meretz), was the main force behind the bill, promised the committee he would continue to support it from inside the government.

Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) suggested, however, that it might be better to break the bill up into several smaller sections, so that at

least parts of it would get passed.

"We tried passing one big bill in the past, and we failed," he said.

Goldschmidt said another mission of the committee would be to pass a number of private members' bills to regulate truck drivers, who are currently not even required to pass a medical exam. Goldschmidt noted that while trucks constitute only 3% of the country's vehicles, they are involved in about 18% of all accidents.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon promised that traffic accidents would also continue to be on the plenum's agenda.

"Before the Knesset recesses at the end of the month, I will summon all the relevant ministers and ask [them] to report to the Knesset on what is being done on this issue," he said. "They promised to present a comprehensive road safety plan to the Knesset."

Goldschmidt said the committee would also continue its discussions on the issue during the Knesset recess, since "the slaughter on the roads does not take the Knesset recess into account."

Gene therapy used here for first time

JUDY SIEGEL

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman suffering from a brain tumor has been administered gene therapy in the first such procedure here.

The woman underwent insertion of the genetic material at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital, which is participating in international clinical trials. She had surgery seven months ago to remove the tumor and radiotherapy, but a month ago a second brain tumor was discovered. Now doctors are hoping that gene therapy will help her.

The clinical experiment was initially carried out by the US National Institutes of Health and coordinated by Dr. Zvi Ram, who has since returned to Sheba's neurosurgery department.

The effectiveness of gene therapy "is not yet clear and cannot be predicted," hospital sources said. However, it is "an idea revolutionary in its approach to brain tumors and brings the hospital and its neurosurgery department into the 21st century."

The treatment is based on the fact that brain cells do not ordinarily divide, but only the cancer cells do. There are viruses that attack only cells that divide. Thus by using genetic engineering techniques, cells carrying the herpes virus are injected into the tumor and only infect the cancer cells. The cells are then destroyed by an anti-herpes drug.

Local lawyers found lacking in English

RAINE MARCUS

LOCAL lawyers do not possess a sufficient command of English, according to a study carried out by Michal Pristock of Bar-Ilan University's English department published in the Tel Aviv Bar Association's *Haglim* monthly journal.

According to the four-year study, one out of three practicing lawyers reads legal material in English; one in 20 writes or reads rulings in English; one in four will skim law books in English; and one in five reads general English literature.

Most lawyers who regularly use English are those who deal in international law, according to the study.

Criminal lawyers come "somewhere in the middle." Many lawyers, mostly in white-collar crime trials, quote from British High Court rulings.

"Personally, I could represent a client in English, although I rarely do," said Moshe Aloo, chairman of the Tel Aviv Bar Association, who specializes

mainly in criminal law.

"And if I realized that my English was not fluent enough, there are translators at hand. When I studied law, we learned a lot from English language verdicts. But today, although reading legal material in English is required, we have our own Supreme Court rulings in Hebrew."

However, he added, large law firms dealing in international law must employ attorneys who

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Nature's call: Flood, volcano, storm

China floods kill 400

JANE MACARTNEY
BEIJING

SOUTHERN China mopped up yesterday after some of the worst floods in a century killed more than 400 people, with farmers replanting crops and troops buttressing river embankments.

With the death toll at least 405 in six provinces and expected to rise as more bodies were dug out from landslides or found in collapsed homes, officials were on alert for more storms as the annual typhoon season neared.

Thousands of workers building the world's biggest water control project, the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze river, took precautions in case of flooding and opened sluices to reduce the water level, state television said.

"Crops have suffered some serious damage and in some areas are still swamped by water," said an official of the Chinese Red Cross.

"There will be some partial grain shortages in disaster areas in the next one or two months and we are planning to transport grain to those areas," he said.

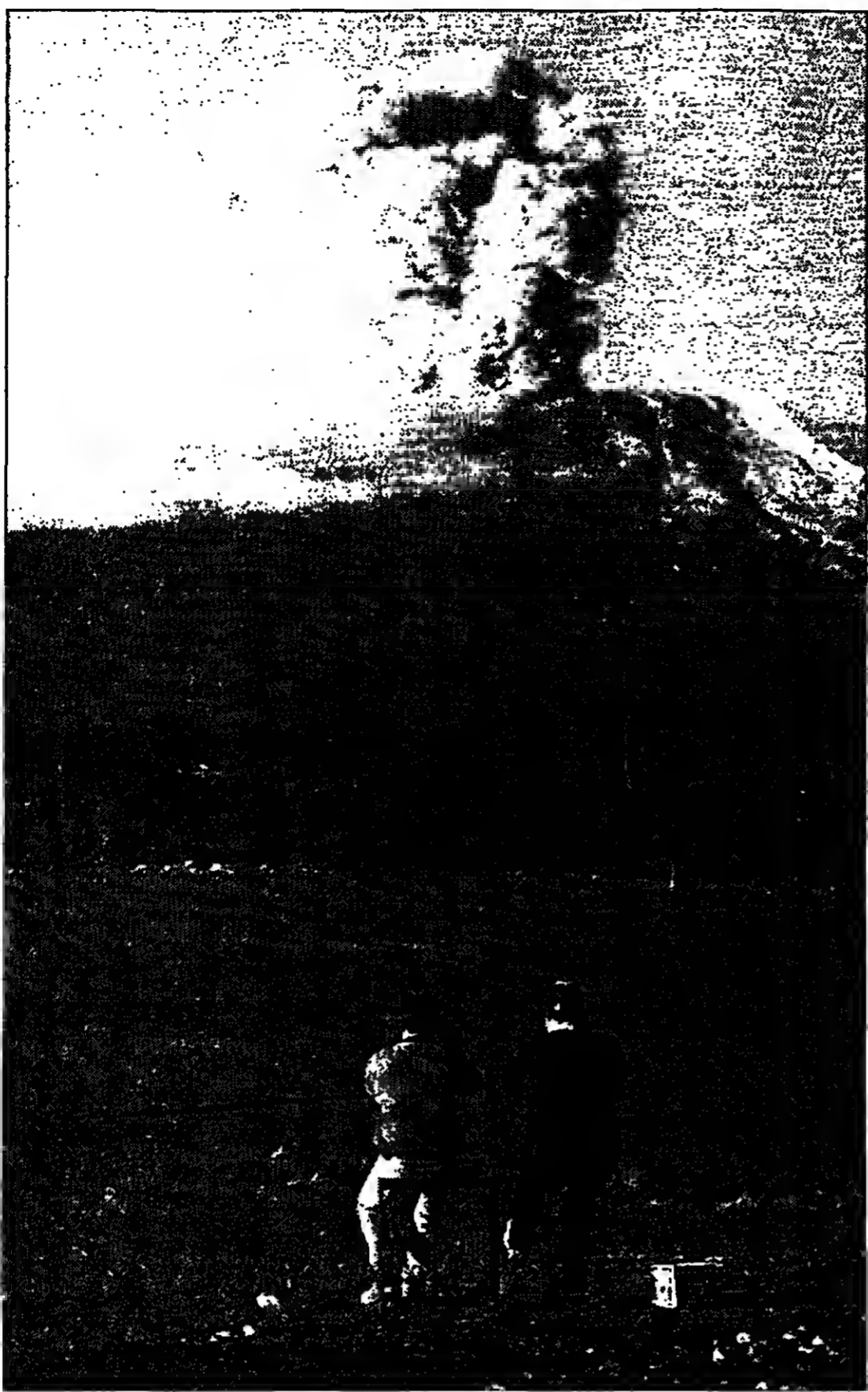
Officials estimated damage from floods that have hit the provinces of Hubei, Guizhou, Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi and Guangxi at well over \$2.0 billion with 1.35 million hectares (3.3 million acres) swamped and 20 million people affected.

Rescue workers distributed 850 tons of grain to homeless in parts of eastern Zhejiang province, where the worst floods in half a century swept the scenic provincial capital, Hangzhou, and inundated rice paddies, the China News Service said.

Damage in Zhejiang was estimated at 5.5 billion yuan (\$660 million) with five million people affected.

In the worst-hit southwestern province of Guizhou, rescue workers had recovered 194 bodies after storms at the start of the month that dumped 291 mm (11 inches) of rain on the province in just two days - a record since 1921.

(Reuters)



Two people watch Mount Ruapehu, located in the central north island of New Zealand, billow smoke and ash yesterday during its biggest eruption in several weeks. The volcanic ash clouds closed the country's biggest airport for the second night running, with about 3,000 domestic and international passengers suffering delays or cancellations.

(Reuters)

First hurricane of Atlantic season menaces Caribbean

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, US Virgin Islands (AP) - Hurricane Bertha churned across a string of Caribbean islands yesterday with torrential rains and 128 kph winds, sending people in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico scrambling for shelter.

The first hurricane of the Atlantic season prompted hurricane warnings for Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and all of the Caribbean's northeastern islands as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Bertha grew overnight to a 640-kilometer-wide menace and was centered just west of St. Martin at 1200 GMT - about 160 kilometers east southeast of St. Thomas, advancing west-northwest at 32 kph. Hurricane experts said the storm was expected to strengthen yesterday and might produce a few tornadoes.

On St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands, rising winds whipped up garbage cans and tree branches, whirling trash into the streets. Sheets of rain flooded streets and homes in the low-lying Water Out neighborhood.

More than 200 people were in shelters in Fredericksburg, said administrator Lawrence Bastian. He said some people refused to leave their trailers, which were brought in as temporary housing for victims of Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

The eye of the storm was expected to pass over St. Thomas - the main US Virgin Island devastated by Hurricane Marilyn in September - at mid-morning, and Puerto Rico's northeast corner several hours later.

To do that, its path would first take it over St. Kitts and Nevis, Anguilla and the US Virgin Islands of St. John and St. Croix. Hurricane warnings also were broadcast in Saba, St. Eustatius, Dominica, Guadeloupe and St. Barts.

Forecasters said there is about a 10 percent chance the storm will strike Florida, the nearest point on the US mainland.

Clinton tapes testimony in 2nd trial in 10 weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton offered his second videotaped testimony for a Whitewater trial in 10 weeks, a role his Republican critics called evidence that the president has breached the trust of the American people.

Clinton testified for two hours and 20 minutes Sunday in the case of Arkansas bankers Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert Hill. They are accused of illegally using bank funds to reimburse themselves for contributions to political candidates - including Clinton in 1990 when he ran for governor and in 1991 when he considered seeking the presidency.

Afterward, a White House statement reiterated that Clinton is not the first president to testify in a criminal trial. It cited US District Judge Susan Webber Wright's order that officials not discuss the deposition until after it is shown in court.

"The president has consistently stated that he will provide the court with whatever information he can offer, and today's deposition fulfills that promise," the statement said.

Branscum and Hill were said to have been present for Clinton's testimony. White House officials, citing the judge's order, would not confirm that.

Clinton has not been accused of wrongdoing, but his testimony prompted renewed criticism Sunday from Republicans, who said he owes the nation a better explanation of his activities.

"It's pretty clear that the president has violated the trust that a plurality of the American people gave to him in 1992," Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, said on Cable News Network's *Late Edition*.

(Reuters)

Drug barons spread shadow of fear over Ireland

ANDREW MARSHALL
DUBLIN

DUBLIN is a tale of two cities. In one, the old Ireland of writers James Joyce and W. B. Yeats thrives in quaint pubs and narrow streets.

In the other, drugs trade openly on the streets between shifty youths and the litter underfoot is spent syringes.

"The drugs problem here in Dublin is as bad as in any urban area in Europe," says Fergus McCabe, head of the umbrella organization for Dublin's inner-city community groups.

"There are young kids of 14 smoking heroin, getting addicted. Drugs are easily available. The problem has been there for years but it's only now people are taking notice."

The inner-city estates of the Irish capital, like most of its European equivalents, have long been plagued by drug abuse.

But in recent months the tentacles of the drugs trade have reached out from Dublin's poverty blackspots to strike fear into the whole nation.

Ireland, which used to boast of low crime and a tranquil lifestyle, has been shaken by a series of drug-related murders.

Mafia-style assassinations ordered by feuding crime godfathers have become increasingly common in a war to sell drugs at home and control their shipment to Europe.

In the past year eight people have been gunned down by hitmen in the pay of Dublin's drug barons, police believe.

In many districts, local residents have begun mounting 24-hour vigils at makeshift barricades in an attempt to prevent drug dealers entering the area. Some residents have gone further, taking the law into their own hands.

In May, an enraged mob battered

"And the question is... whether the American people ought to give the president four more years when he won't stand up and tell them the truth about what's happened in his administration," Boehner said.

But Democratic Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the now-defunct Senate Whitewater Committee, said Clinton did not abuse his office - unlike the "direct presidential involvement in the abuse of power" of the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration.

"If the president were not testifying, then I would feel very uncomfortable," Simon told CNN. "But the fact that he is willing to do so, I think, is a credit to him."

Branscum and Hill are charged with illegally using funds from their Perryville, Arkansas, bank and trying to conceal from the Internal Revenue Service large withdrawals the Clinton gubernatorial campaign made in 1990 for get-out-the-vote efforts.

Sunday's testimony was Clinton's second in 10 weeks. In April, he testified as a defense witness for just over four hours in the Whitewater trial of Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and Clinton investment partners James and Susan McDougal, all of whom were subsequently convicted.

After attending morning church services with daughter Chelsea, the president took a seat in the Map Room of the White House, where he was questioned by attorneys for Branscum and Hill and cross-examined by prosecutors.

The room was the place where President Franklin D. Roosevelt held top-secret briefings during World War II.

(Reuters)

Murder of nine-year-old in Liverpool echoes chilling Bulger case

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters) - In a chilling echo of the 1993 murder of toddler James Bulger, British police were searching yesterday for three boys seen near the spot on a railway where a nine-year-old girl was found brutally murdered.

Bulger was abducted while shopping with his mother and murdered by two 10-year-old boys on a Liverpool railway line. Police said they were keeping an open mind whether children in this northern port city could again have blood on their hands.

Jade Matthews, nine, was reported missing from her home in Bootle, near Liverpool, after going out to play with friends on Sunday afternoon.

Police found her fully-clothed body - the head battered by sticks and stones - lying by a nearby railway line.

James Bulger's broken body was found by a railway line in Bootle in February 1993 after he was lured away from his mother at a Liverpool shopping center. He had been stoned.

Scenes of his abduction filmed on security cameras in the shopping center horrified television audiences worldwide.

Two boys were sentenced to indefinite detention

after a murder hunt that plunged the nation into collective grief and horror at the violence inflicted by such young children on an innocent toddler.

Police reluctantly acknowledged the similarities between the Bulger case and that of Jade. The news they wanted to trace three nine-year-olds seen playing in the area on Sunday sent a chill through the nation.

"It brings back terrible feelings for all of us. I'm sure we mustn't jump to conclusions but in this terrible moment we really need to hold each other up in the community," the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool David Shepherd told BBC radio.

"Quite clearly those boys ought to come forward to tell whatever they know," the bishop added. Detective Superintendent Geoff MacDonald told a news conference he was keeping "an open mind" about whether children could have been involved in Jade's death.

"We are most anxious to trace those children and would ask them to come forward so we can speak to them," MacDonald said.

He said there was nothing to indicate that Jade was dragged to the scene, or that she had been abducted.

Delta accident: Never-before seen type of engine failure

PENSACOLA, Florida (AP) - What caused a roaring jet engine to blow apart on takeoff, tear into the cabin and kill a mother and son is not yet known. But investigators are sure of one thing - they've never seen an accident like it.

"This is a totally new phenomenon," National Transportation Safety Board member George Black said Sunday after investigators gathered the shattered pieces that ripped open a Delta Air Lines jet fuselage like a tin can.

They found a 45-kilogram titanium hub inside the engine that had broken into two pieces, and shards of metal that flew for hundreds of meters.

"No one in this particular room with an awful lot of maintenance experience had seen this sort of failure before, not a hub failure," Black said. "We only know it separated. We do not know why."

Packed with holiday travelers, Delta Flight 1288 was speeding down the runway Saturday when its left engine - mounted on the side of the fuselage near the tail - blew apart after it caught fire. Within seconds, flying pieces of

metal ripped a gash across the side of the plane, killing Anita Saxton, 39, her son Nolan, 12, and injuring two of her other children. Derek Saxton, 15, suffered a small burn on his shoulder and his nine-year-old sister, Spencer, had a lung gash on her face and a broken leg.

Five other passengers were also injured, and some seated near Saxton's seat No. 37 said they escaped the flying metal by centimeters.

Passenger Ernie Lazos of Medford, New Jersey, said there was an explosion and an odor on the plane. "You just heard this pop," he said.

Pilots told investigators did not see any birds or foreign objects - that could have been sucked into the engine - on or near the runway as he headed for takeoff.

Metalurgists and Navy ballistics experts will be asked to help find the cause of the failure as investigators try to piece the engine back together.

Flight data recorders have been sent to Washington, D.C., for analysis, and investigators were checking all of the plane's systems and maintenance records.

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Pressure grows on Karadzic

Mass graves of massacre victims unearthed by UN investigators

KURT SCHORK
SARAJEVO

THE international community yesterday increased the pressure on Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic to step down, by threatening to disqualify his party from Bosnian elections.

Prosecutors at a Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal urged major powers yesterday to arrest indicted war criminals Karadzic and his military commander General Ratko Mladic and hand them over to The Hague to stand trial for genocide.

The call came as UN investigators began to unearth mass graves of massacre victims, starting with Moslems killed in the Bosnian Serb conquest of Srebrenica a year ago, believed to have been Europe's worst atrocity since World War II.

Both men remain in office but behave differently. Mladic has kept a low profile and helped the implementation of the military aspect of the Dayton accord.

In contrast, Karadzic has done much to disrupt the peace process, restricting freedom of movement to preserve his ethnically pure Bosnian Serb republic, and intimidating the opposition ahead of the elections.

An official organizing the poll threatened to bar the ruling Bosnian Serb party from September elections if Karadzic, its current chairman, retains any form of office.

US Ambassador Robert Frowick said he would use all his powers as head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) mission in Bosnia Herzegovina to block the Serb Democratic Union (SDS) from the September 14 elections.

The OSCE, a 55-nation security forum, is responsible for organizing, running and monitoring inter-ethnic elections.

"It just isn't right to continue with Mr. Karadzic, an indicted war criminal, as its head, and we are faced with a defiance that has increased over the past week or so."

The Dayton peace agreement, signed last December to end the 43-month-old war in Bosnia, banned indicted war criminals from holding official positions.

Under international pressure, Karadzic handed over his powers last week to his deputy, Biljana Plavsic, but defiantly kept his title. He was also re-elected chairman of the Bosnian Serb's ruling SDS party for the next four years.

"Karadzic epitomizes the overriding problems of extreme nationalism that brought on the war in the first place and he has pushed against the tide of the peace process since before the ink was dry," Frowick said.

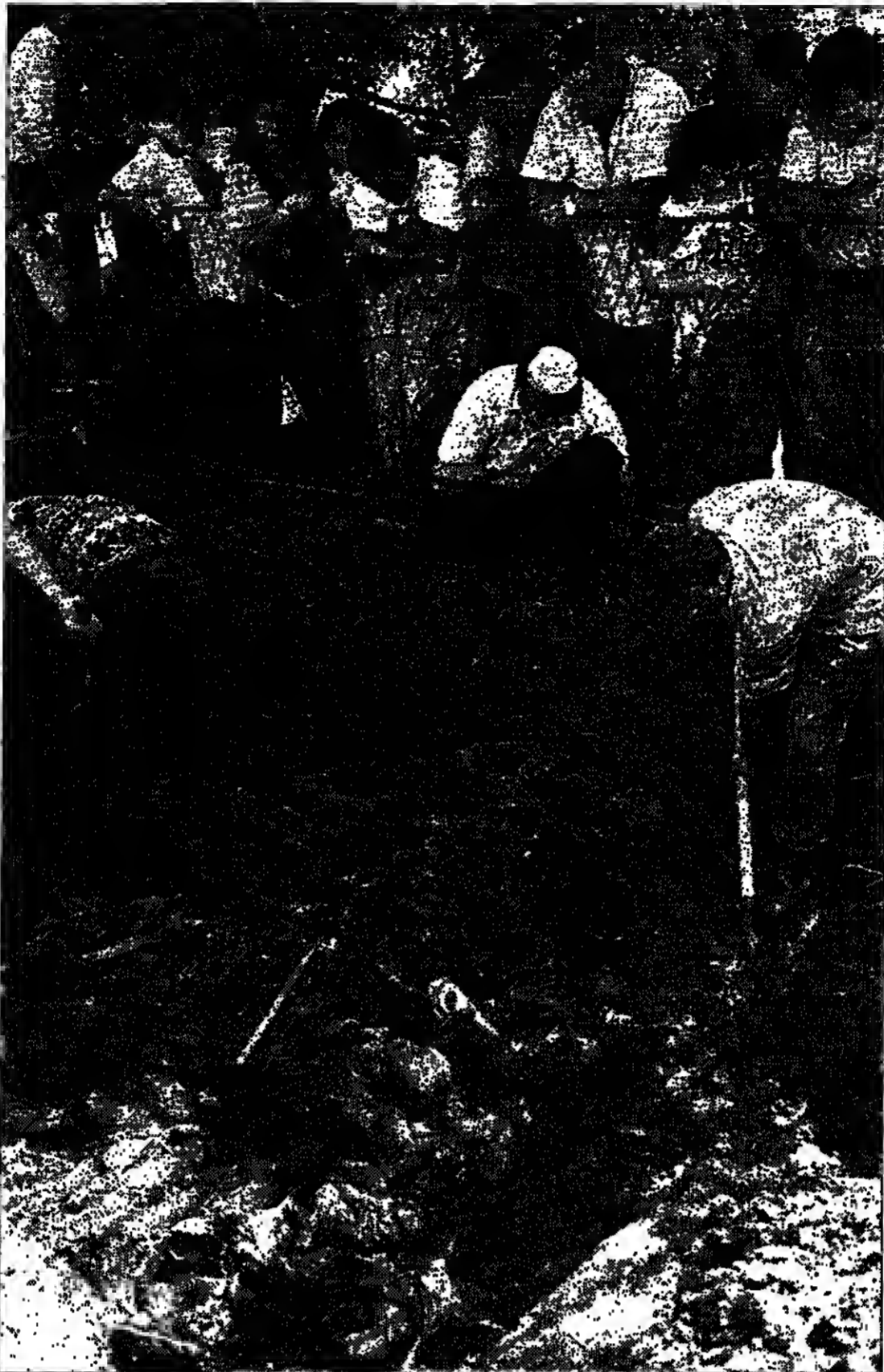
Reacting to Frowick's comments which took many diplomats in Sarajevo by surprise, Bosnia's Prime Minister Hasan Muratovic told Reuters that Karadzic should not be there at all.

"There is a moral part to this - would any man vote in any democratic country in any elections in which Karadzic participated as the head of the party?"

Another of the problems plaguing the peace process is the presence of Islamic warriors in Bosnia.

America's CIA Director John Deutch slipped into Sarajevo last week on a visit to cooey Washington's fears that Islamic militants in Bosnia are a threat to US forces.

The unannounced trip came soon after a bomb blast tore through a Saudi Arabian military complex, hoosting foreigners, killing 19 Americans and injuring more than 250 people. (Reuters)



Bosnian investigators exhume the bodies of nine Bosnian Moslems in the village of Svake near Sarajevo yesterday. The nine men were executed by Serb forces in December 1991. War crimes investigators, their suspicions aroused following exploratory diggings, secured the site on Sunday of a possible mass grave of Moslems believed slaughtered by Serb forces. (Reuters)

Chechnya showdown looms

TIMOTHY HERITAGE
MOSCOW

A SHOWDOWN loomed in rebel Chechnya yesterday as Russian President Boris Yeltsin, weighing strategy and personnel changes for his new four-year term, conferred with security supremo Alexander Lebed.

Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the commander of Russian forces in Chechnya, issued an ultimatum to separatist rebels to free all prisoners by tonight.

"Otherwise, the joint forces' command will take appropriate steps against the bandits and will move to destroy them," Interfax news agency quoted Tikhomirov as telling a news conference at Khankala base outside the Chechen capital Grozny.

His comments raised the stakes in the 19-month-old conflict just days after Yeltsin defeated communist Gennady Zyuganov in last week's presidential election runoff.

The 65-year-old president, not seen in public since June 26 because of what aides say is a sore throat, secured a truce last month to boost his chances of re-election.

But tensions have increased in the past few days, with each side accusing the other of failing to meet the terms of an agreement under which Russian troops are supposed to withdraw from Chechnya by September 1.

Lebed, appointed by Yeltsin after he came third in the first round of the election, is due to visit Chechnya soon to assess the situation first hand. The hawkish Tikhomirov, who denied a report he was being removed, said he briefed Lebed last week.

Lebed met Yeltsin to discuss plans for restyling the Security Council - an inner circle which has adopted Moscow's main decisions on Chechnya since the start of the conflict.

Istar-Tass news agency said Yeltsin had approved the broad outline of a plan for the future role of the Security Council, of which Lebed is now secretary and wants to take on wider powers, but gave no details.

It was not clear if they had touched on Chechnya, but Russian news agencies said Lebed later discussed the conflict - and his role in ending it - at separate talks with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Russian media have portrayed Lebed and Chernomyrdin as rivals in a struggle for power, the balance of which could be determined by how Yeltsin defines Lebed's duties.

Lebed's powers remain ill-defined and could depend on how much power the Security Council is granted.

Chernomyrdin also discussed Chechnya with his nationalities minister and the head of the southern region's pro-Moscow administration, but no details were released. Yeltsin, who also had talks with Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, wants Chernomyrdin to remain prime minister but has not said what changes he will make in the cabinet.

He must style a team that can tackle deep economic problems and win the backing of the opposition Communist Party, which has a powerful grip on parliament with its nationalist allies. (Reuters)

Turkey's Islamic-led government wins vote of confidence

ANKARA (AP) - Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan won a vote of confidence yesterday, clearing the way for rule by an Islamic-inspired government for the first time in Turkey's 73-year modern, secular history.

Parliament's voice vote was 278-265. One of the 550 deputies abstained, and six skipped the vote. One of those not showing up was a former chief of staff, Dugan Gures, now a deputy, who didn't want to vote against his True Path Party, a coalition partner, but who opposes Erbakan's anti-NATO Welfare Party.

Calling the vote the start of "a new era," Erbakan said his government would work for "solutions and changes." "We will work day and night with faith," Erbakan said, thanking God for the confidence vote victory. Welfare deputies lined up to kiss his hand as a sign of respect.

Israel's Foreign Ministry sent a letter of congratulations to the new government.

Turkey's Western allies have worried that the Welfare-led government could move the country closer to an Islamic orbit.

17 die as rare snow storms sweep South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Melting snow revealed three bodies on the streets of South African towns yesterday, taking the death toll from unprecedented winter storms to at least 17, police said.

They said eight people had died of exposure while nine suffocated as they huddled around coal fires burning in unventilated shacks.

Two days of snowfalls over wide parts of the country blocked major roads, stranded motorists and trapped hikers and climbers.

Nationally, the weather bureau said the snowfalls were the worst since June 1964. Forecasters said the snow and cloud would begin to clear by today but the icy temperatures would only warm gradually.

Some of the heaviest falls occurred in the high-lying eastern part of Free State province, blocking the main artery from Johannesburg to Durban.

A council official said the road through a nearby mountain pass was under snow 2.5 meters deep.

"There's no way out of town. We've got chaos down here," said police Sergeant Sonja Holtzhausen.

Cars hijacked, burned in growing N. Ireland row

ANDREW HILL
PORTADOWN, N. Ireland

NORTHERN Ireland Protestants angered at the banning of a march through a Catholic suburb hijacked vehicles and blocked roads yesterday in a growing confrontation with the government and police.

Demonstrators blocked main roads into Belfast, poured wet cement on a key motorway intersection and set alight several hijacked lorries in a trial of strength over the banning of a parade through the Catholic Garvaghy road area of Portadown.

The demonstrations pushed Northern Ireland closer to the brink of violence after almost two years of uneasy peace brought about by cease-fires and an Anglo-Irish attempt to get Protestant and Catholic politicians discussing a settlement.

Police investigated the killing of a Roman Catholic taxi driver in nearby Lurgan, a Catholic stronghold, but said there was no indication that it marked a return to the

tit-for-tat sectarian killing that scarred Northern Ireland for 27 years.

Joe English, who is close to Loyalist gunmen of the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters, said it was not a sanctioned Loyalist killing and said the organization was standing by a cease-fire it declared in October 1994.

David Trimble, head of Northern Ireland's biggest Protestant pro-British political group, the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), said the killing would not serve the purpose of the province-wide protest against the banned march.

But he laid the blame for the protest at the feet of the police and government for caving in to demands from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, that annual marches by the Orange Order be turned away from

Catholic areas.

"The wider agenda is the agenda of Sinn Fein/IRA which is trying at one level to drive any expression of Britishness off the streets of Northern Ireland and at another level is trying to provoke serious public disorder," said Trimble.

Trimble paid a lightning visit to a church at Drumcree, near Portadown, where up to two thousand marchers are being blocked by hundreds of police and troops from reaching Garvaghy road.

At least two demonstrators were injured by plastic bullets when police fought off attempts by marchers overnight to breach banks of razor wire preventing them from reaching the road.

The Orange Order, a 200-year-old grass roots organization whose annual "marching season" reaches a climax on Friday to honor a 300-year-old victory by King William of Orange over Catholic King James II, called for more protests. (Reuters)

Cuban military officer hijacks plane to US base

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A Cuban military officer hijacked a commercial flight in Cuba at gunpoint on Sunday and forced it to land at the US Navy base at Guantanamo Bay on the communist-ruled island, US officials said yesterday.

The hijacker, identified by the Pentagon as Lt-Col. Jose Fernandez Pupo, requested asylum in the United States and was in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the officials said.

One said the other 16 people aboard the flight, which had originated in the nearby southeastern city of Santiago de Cuba, were released unharmed and returned to Guantanamo City, close to the US base at the eastern end of the island.

"No one was injured," Navy Commander Joe March, a

Pentagon spokesman, said. An official at Santiago de Cuba airport, asked if he could confirm the hijacking had taken place, said: "It's true."

The official, contacted by telephone by Reuters from Havana, gave no further details.

One US official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hijacker apparently acted alone.

It was the second such embarrassing incident for the Cuban authorities in eight days. Last week two members of Cuba's boxing team training in Mexico for the Atlanta Olympics slipped away and sought asylum in the United States.

Speaking of the hijacker, one US official said, "We are looking at the case to determine what our legal responsibilities and obligations are."

Four killed in clashes with Moslem militants in Libya

CAIRO (AP) - At least four people have been killed in renewed clashes between Col. Muammar Gaddafi's forces and Moslem militants in eastern Libya, travelers to Egypt said yesterday.

The battles Sunday were the fourth incident of fighting in the last year between between Libyan security forces and militants who have vowed to oust Gaddafi and replace his regime with Islamic rule.

The latest clashes erupted in Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, as a security unit conducted searches as part of a nationwide crackdown on Islamic militants, the travelers said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

They said a lieutenant colonel who headed the security force was shot to death during fighting in al-Birka, a small town adjacent to

Benghazi. Two militants also died in the battle.

The travelers, including Libyans and other Arabs, said that members of the slain officer's clan then attacked a house and killed the brother of a militant blamed for the officer's death.

After the clashes, a large security force was deployed around the city and conducted a house to house search for militants and weapons, the travelers said.

The government issued no report on Sunday's fighting. In the past, it has said the battles in eastern Libya erupted as security forces sought to track down drug smugglers.

Gaddafi is known to have sent his army to northeastern Libya several times in recent months, apparently to stamp out unrest by the radicals.

Italian court rejects challenge to Priebke trial

ROME (Reuters) - An Italian military court of appeal yesterday rejected a prosecution demand to dismiss the panel of judges at the war crimes trial of former Nazi SS Captain Erich Priebke because of bias, judicial sources said.

Priebke's trial, over the killing of 335 men and boys in Italy's worst World War II atrocity, was dramatically halted on June 17 when prosecutor Antonino Intelissano made his allegations.

Priebke, 62, has been remanded in custody since extradition last year from Argentina. His trial, at which he is accused of being one of the main organizers of the SS massacre at the Ardeatine Caves near Rome in March 1944, began in May.

Prosecutor Antonino Intelissano demanded the judges' dismissal following a statement by a general who worked at the court that he had overheard presiding judge Agostino Quistelli say months before the trial started that he thought Priebke should be cleared because he had been following orders.

His request led to the temporary suspension of the trial and it was not immediately clear after yesterday's ruling whether it would resume regularly at the next session tomorrow.

Sebastiano Di Lascio, a lawyer for civil plaintiffs attached to the case, said he believed Quistelli should still stand down and added that he could face a fresh challenge to his competence to judge the case if he failed to do so.

Auschwitz plan has cigarette plant near death camp

WARSAW (Reuters) - A cigarette factory controlled by US firm Philip Morris will stay in place under Poland's plan for a protected zone around Auschwitz, the plan's author said yesterday.

"In our plans this factory will remain," said architect Marek Rawecki, who drafted the proposals for the area around the camp. Earlier this year Philip Morris paid \$27.7 million for 33 percent of Krakowski

Zaklady Tytoniowe, which owns the factory, along with an option to take a further 32 percent if it invests a further \$145 million over the next three years.

Michael Parsons, east European public relations chief for Philip Morris, said last week the company was seeking an urgent meeting with the Polish government to discuss the plan. Approached by Reuters, architect

Rawecki said the factory, 200 meters from Auschwitz, had been a tobacco warehouse before World War II.

"The current way in which the factory is run is a model for conservation," said Rawecki, who drafted the proposals.

The cigarette factory is separated from the museum by the site where the Polish firm Maja's attempts - now halted - to build a supermarket aroused strong criticism.

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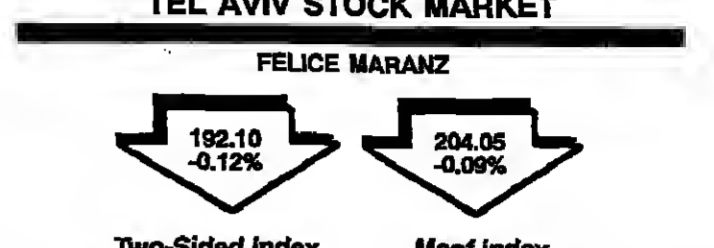
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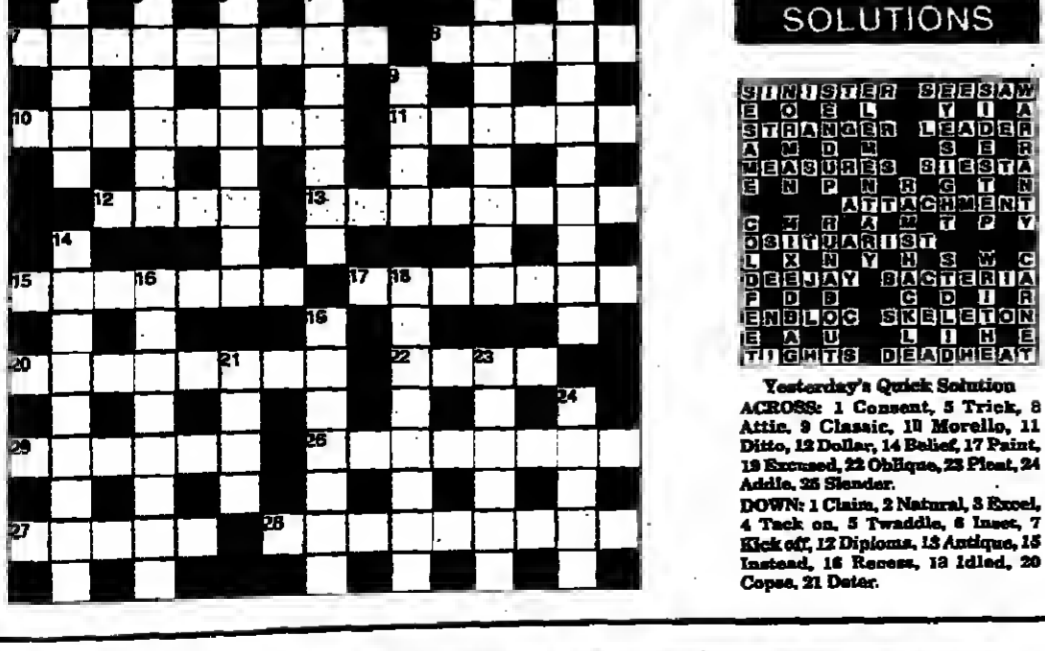
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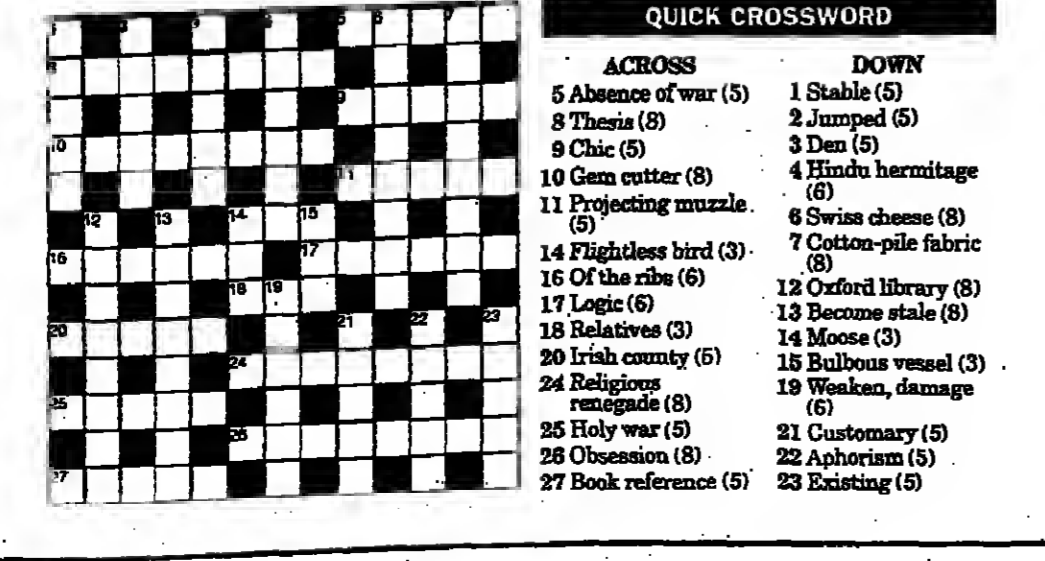
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ACRI: Israel respects rights of Israelis, but not of Palestinians

ISRAEL basically respects the human rights of its own citizens, but violates the rights of residents of the territories "often and widely," the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) said yesterday in its first comprehensive report on human rights in Israel.

"Infringements of human rights in Israel are mainly of a local and sporadic nature, rather than habitual or endemic," the association said in a summary of the report. "[But] for residents of [the territories], human rights are not something that can be taken for granted; on the contrary, their rights are violated on a regular and extensive basis."

The most serious violation, the report said, is the use of torture in General Security Service interrogations.

"Despite declarations by senior officials, there has been no real change in GSS interrogation methods," it said. "While judicial review of GSS interrogations has intensified in recent years, it remains inadequate. The courts have so far refrained from taking a clear stand against torture... As long as the interrogations are Palestinian, it is easy to enlist public support for this position."

The GSS interrogation of several right-wing Jews under the Rabin government, as well as the 1995 death of Abed Harizat during a GSS interrogation, have helped raise public awareness of this issue, the report said.

"The emerging public debate is a positive development, given the conspiracy of silence which surrounded this subject in Israel in the past," it added.

The second major problem in the territories is collective punishment such as closures, the report said,

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noting that the closure is especially hard on the ill.

"The closure has led to the death of several people, including babies, who were prevented from reaching hospitals," it said.

The peace process has led to an improvement in the situation. For instance, the report said, the number of Palestinian administrative detainees has dropped from about 2,500 in August 1988 to 338 in April 1996. According to unofficial Justice Ministry figures, it added, only about 150 Palestinians are now arrested each month, compared to around 20,000 a month at the start of the intifada. However, it said, detainees are still "often held in very poor conditions" and have "almost no chance of receiving legal representation from an attorney of their choice."

Arrests and detentions are also a problem within Israel, the report said, though the situation is improving. For instance, a recent law reduced the amount of time someone can be held without seeing a judge from 48 to 24 hours, and money has been spent to improve lock-ups. However, the report said, "the extent of police arrests in Israel is significantly greater than in other countries, and many of the arrests are unjustified. At least half of all people arrested are eventually released without charges being pressed."

Conditions in lock-ups remain "appalling, even sub-human," it continued, and the problem of police violence remains "acute." Freedom of expression also became a major issue following the murder of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the report said, citing examples

such as the indictment of the Zo Artzenu organization for sedition, the conviction of Rabbi Ido Elba for incitement to racism on account of a halachic article he wrote, the investigation of two teenagers who made a poster of Rabin in an SS uniform, and the prosecution of several people who praised the murder.

Association legal adviser Neta Ziv, who introduced the report at a Jerusalem press conference, said one major problem is the religious monopoly on marriages and divorces, and another is the issue of equality in general.

"Israel is the only country in the Western world which does not have a law guaranteeing equality in all areas," she said.

Another is the institutional discrimination faced by Israeli Arabs. This is especially true in the field of housing, she said.

"Since the founding of the state, not a single Arab village has been set up," she said, adding that the government mortgages given Arab couples are only about one-third the size of those given Jewish couples.

However, she continued, progress is being made in this area. The previous government decreased the gap between the budgets given Jewish and Arab towns, and also made an effort to increase the number of Arabs in the Civil Service.

There are a number of other areas in which significant progress had been made in recent years, Ziv said, ranging from the passage of a law preventing employment discrimination to the enactment of affirmative action for women on government boards.

"I can't think of any areas in which there has been deterioration," she added.



This inscription reading 'Herod, King of the Jews,' was found for the first time on this fragment of a wine amphora discovered in excavations at Masada.

Herodian wine jug found on Masada

ARCHEOLOGISTS sifting through a 2,000-year-old garbage dump at Masada said yesterday they have unearthed the remains of a clay wine jug inscribed with the name of King Herod.

The Latin inscription says either "Herod, King of Judea" or "Herod, King of the Jews," said archaeologist Ehud Netzer of the Hebrew University.

Netzer said it was the first time the full title of Herod, who reigned from 37 BCE until his death in 4 BCE, had been found in an inscription.

The wine jug, which dates from about 19 BCE, was found in an ancient garbage dump near the synagogue at Masada, Netzer said.

"Sometimes the most interesting finds come from the garbage dump," he said.

The large, cone-shaped, two-handled jug, which held about 80 liters of wine, was shipped to Masada from Italy, Netzer said.

Archaeologists also discovered food remains from Masada dwellers in Herod's time, including nuts, eggshells, dates and olive pits, as well as pieces of cloth and basket ware.

Archaeologists also found two caves near the Masada synagogue - one used as a storage area and the other which apparently served first as a storage area and later as a garbage dump. The dry air at Masada preserved the organic material at the dump over the past 2,000 years. (AP)

WEATHER

Jerusalem	20-32
Tel Aviv	24-31
Beersheba	22-37
Haifa	23-32
Tiberias	24-30
Abba	23-34
Samartha	20-32
Dead Sea	24-41
Golan	19-31
East	20-32

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AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Cloud
Amsterdam	10	18	cloudy
Berlin	12	18	partly
Bombay	24	32	partly
Buenos Aires	18	28	partly
Chicago	14	22	partly
London	12	18	partly
Los Angeles	18	28	partly
Madrid	16	26	partly
Moscow	10	18	partly
New York	16	24	partly
Paris	14	22	partly
Rome	16	24	partly
Sydney	18	26	partly
Tokyo	18	26	partly
Yokohama	18	26	partly

Winning cards
In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, ace of hearts, king of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

Mordechai: Everything will be done to strengthen SLA

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE security zone and the South Lebanese Army must be kept strong as long as there is no peace agreement with Lebanon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday told SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad at his Tel Aviv office.

The meeting was also attended by Uri Lubrani, government coordinator on Lebanon, and the commander of the IDF's liaison unit in Lebanon, Brig.-Gen. Eli Amital.

"Israel's goal is to reach a peace agreement with Lebanon that will ensure security along our northern border and good relations with Lebanon," Mordechai said. "Until then the security zone is very important and everything will be done to strengthen it and the SLA."

Mordechai praised Lahad for the operational successes of the SLA in recent clashes with gunners in the zone, especially the effort in repelling an attack on an SLA post.

Lahad congratulated Mordechai for his appointment as defense minister. He emphasized the need to strengthen the security zone, saying "Arab countries want to make peace with you only because you are strong."

No Sullivan in Netanyahu file

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's US Social Security file includes no references to individuals other than family members, according to information obtained by The Jerusalem Post.

This contradicts stories published in the Tel Aviv weekly Ha'ir, which claimed that Netanyahu's file includes the names of John Jay Sullivan and John Jay Sullivan Jr.

The Jerusalem Post has also located the Sullivans in California. They claim to have never had any connection to Netanyahu, and they have different Social Security numbers. Indications are that the only time Netanyahu and the name Sullivan appear together is on routine credit files resulting from clerical error or possible credit fraud on the part of one or more of the Sullivans.

The story began with an article in Ha'ir on June 21, asserting that Netanyahu's Social Security file, 020-36-4537, is marked "confidential" by the US government. Ha'ir also claimed that the names Benjamin Netanyahu, Benjamin Netanyahu, John Jay Sullivan, and John Jay Sullivan Jr. all appear in Netanyahu's file and hold the same Social Security number. Ha'ir inferred, but provided no evidence, that Netanyahu had for some reason created false identities.

Netanyahu's Social Security file has not been marked "confiden-

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cial." "All Social Security files are closed and confidential," an American official who routinely deals with Social Security matters explained.

He added that any attempt to enter such a file without proper authorization is considered a federal offense. But a federal employee did agree to read the Netanyahu file and report his findings to New York private detective Steve Rambam. The results: "The name Benjamin Netanyahu [spelled as indicated] is the sole holder of social Security No. 020-36-4537. There is a reference to Netanyahu's second wife Fleur H. Netanyahu and apparently a cross reference to his brother and sister-in-law Iddo and Daphna Netanyahu. The Sullivans do not appear."

The only document on which the name Sullivan and Netanyahu appear together is on credit rating reports prepared by the Transunion and TRW credit unions.

Rambam, who has appeared as an expert witness at trials involving credit fraud, explains that "the reports in question are either the result of clerical error or deception on Sullivan's part. Forty percent of credit reports include errors."

"In April 1996, the Transunion records were accessed several times within a short period, pre-

sumably by the same person," he said. "While the credit reports do not in themselves prove anything, there are indications that the Sullivan family might have used a bogus Social Security number belonging to Netanyahu when applying for credit."

Earlier this month, Ma'ariv contacted Sullivan by telephone. He denied any link to Netanyahu and said: "I am an American citizen, alive and well, and I have no connection to the Israeli prime minister." According to the report, Sullivan, fearing credit card fraud, refused to disclose his Social Security number.

Following publication of the Ha'ir story, questions were raised in the Knesset alleging that Netanyahu had for some reason been using the name Sullivan as an alias for unknown activities while living in the US.

But John Jay Sullivan and John Jay Sullivan Jr. are real people, living in northern California. The senior Sullivan lives with his wife Juliana, whose name also shows up on the credit union reports. The Sullivans have two registered addresses. They rent a home and live at 204 Lyndhurst Avenue, Belmont, California. They also own a home, which they rent out, at 610 Marlton Court, Redwood City. John Jay Sullivan Jr. is their son.

Golan leaders meet with Netanyahu

DAVID RUDGE

GOLAN Heights leaders met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem yesterday. The meeting, just hours before Netanyahu left for the US, was seen as conveying a significant message regarding the status of the Golan.

"I think the meeting and the timing sent a message that he sees the Golan as an integral part of the state," said Kitzrin Local Council chairman Sammy Bar-Lev.

"The fact that we were received without fuss and given a warm welcome and encouragement for continued development of the Golan, just before he was due to leave for the US, speaks for itself."

Bar-Lev, Golan Regional Council head Yehuda Wolman, Golan Residents Committee chair-

Peres not invited to parley on Labor leadership contest

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S leadership may convene today to discuss the contest for the party's next leader without party chairman Shimon Peres, who was not invited.

The meeting, initiated by MKs Avraham Shohat and Haggai Merom, was initially scheduled for last night. But after it was leaked to the press, leading to objections by MKs and speculation about a possible putsch against Peres, it was put off until today.

Shohat supports MK Ehud Barak for Labor leader, while Merom is considered in MK Haim Ramon's camp.

Barak has urged advancing the leadership contest to the end of the year, but abandoned the issue after Peres suggested holding the primaries in a year. Ramon, on the other hand, said he is not sure whether he'll run at all, unless the party holds open primaries.

Shohat and Merom invited the rest of the first 13 MKs on Labor's list: Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, David Liba'i, Uzi Baram, Nissim Zvilli, Efraim Sneh, Yossi Beilin, Ori Orr,

"We were very gratified by the response of the prime minister, who was very friendly and encouraging and really does back the continuation of development," said Bar-Lev. "He called in his aides and consulted them on the best way to act and what forum should be established to bring about significant development of the Golan."

The prime minister, in contrast to his predecessor, is not hesitant or afraid to tell the truth about Syria's use of terror. This indicates a marked change in policy. We were very concerned on the eve of visits to the US by previous prime ministers, but this time we are much more relaxed, although we will continue to keep an eye on the situation."

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